creating awareness, promotion of organ donation and transplantation activities. A network of fifteen hospitals (Government Public and Charitable) with ORBO has been formed for smooth functioning and co-ordination for process of organ donation and transplantation in Delhi.

Under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 the Appropriate Authorities of the States concerned are empowered to grant registration certificates to such organizations. In respect of Union territories, D.G.H.S. is the Appropriate Authority.

The poor patients are treated by Government institutions either free or subsidized in the health care delivery system. The institutions which can carry out activities relating to transplantation are tertiary level institutions. Financial assistance under various schemes such as National Illness Assistance Fund, Prime Minister's National Relief Fund etc. can also be availed by poor patients.

Spurious Drugs Trade

†1282. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dependence on drugs is increasing among the people in Delhi due to increasing pollution and adulterated food items;

(b) whether the flourishing business of spurious drugs is gaining momentum due to this;

(c) if so, the details of the stringent action taken by Government against the companies manufacturing such drugs and the number of shopkeepers whose licenses have been cancelled for selling spurious drugs so far; and

(d) the number of people arrested in this regard and the effective measures proposed to be taken against such drug manufacturing companies and the shopkeepers in future so that this flourishing business of spurious drugs is stopped?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Government is not aware of any such report indicating that dependence on drugs is increasing among the people in Delhi due to increasing pollution and adulterated food items.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) The measures undertaken to detect spurious drugs by the Drugs Control Department, Government of NCT, Delhi are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

The Drugs Control Department, Govt, of NCT of Delhi takes the following routine measures to contain the problems of spurious drugs:—

1. Routine inspections/special inspections and raids in the manufacturing premises and sale outlets are carried out from time to time. Officers of Drugs Control Department, Govt, of India, are also sometimes associated in such raids and special inspections.

2. Legal samples (samples drawn under the Act) are being taken at randum from all the licensed drugs manufacturing units, sales establishments, hospitals, dispensaries and medical stores throughout Delhi including the far-flung areas and JJ Colonies.

   During current financial year (upto 30.11.2003), a total no. of 1182 samples have been collected and out of the samples tested so far, none has been reported to be spurious.

3. Survey samples of drugs are drawn at random to have a test check on the quality of drugs moving in the market. Survey samples of drugs are test purchased through decoy customers and watchers from chemists in Delhi and are got screened immediately. In case there is doubt or the active ingredients are found absent, the premises from where the samples were taken are raided and legal samples of the concerned drug are taken for test and analysis, if available, for taking appropriate action against the dealer under the provisions Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. During the current financial year (upto 30.11.2003) a total no. of 2204 survey samples have been collected. All these samples passed the 'identification test' for active medicament.

4. Complaints received in the department about quality of drugs are investigated immediately and appropriate action are taken.

5. Activities of person of doubtful nature are kept under surveillance.

6. Liaison is maintained with local police to check and stop movements of drugs of doubtful quality through unauthorized and illicit channels.

7. Close liaison is also maintained with the manufacturers and dealers of repute with a view to obtaining information against movement, if any, of drugs of doubtful quality.

8. An Advisory Committee has been constituted by the department to increase the public participation for efficient enforcement. The Committee consists of representatives of India Medical Association, Delhi Medical Association, All India Small Scale Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Association (Delhi Branch), Chemists Associations and Voluntary Consumers Forums.

The Department has given wide publicity to the DO's and DONT's for consumers through pamphlets and advertisements in the leading newspapers including insistence by consumer for issue of cash memo by the chemists. Advertisements in leading dailies has also been published instructing the dealers to confirm to the requirements of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules while selling drugs.

Family Welfare Programme in West Bengal

1283. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to promote family welfare programme in West Bengal;

(b) the budgetary provision made by Government for this programme; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Family Welfare Programme is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Assistance in cash and kind is being provided to all the States, including West Bengal, for maintenance of infrastructure; supply of drugs, contraceptives and equipments; training; !EC; RCH programme; and a variety of promotional and motivational activities such as payment of compensation to the acceptors of